Roads for tribal villages in Orissa under PMGSY

157. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are no roads even after 53 years of Independence for certain tribal villages in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether there is no road, no electricity, no phone, no transport facility and the like for tribals of Ekul, Kandara, Sekul, Kourt and other nearby villages of the State, as reported in the New Delhi Express, Bhubaneswar dated 3rd January, 2003; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to construct such roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), as demanded by the villagers, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) The State Government have reported that construction of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the tribal village like Ekul, Kandara, Sekul, Kot, which are located in a scattered manner on the ghat areas of Dhenkanal District will be taken up in phased manner as per the PMGSY Guidelines.

Guidelines to States for development and distribution of wastelands

158. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued general guidelines to States and UTs for development of wastelands and its distribution to rural landless poors;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise with particular reference to Gujarat and Chhattisgarh (district-wise); and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and the progress made in the distribution of surplus/wastelands to poor during the last three years and in the current year, State-wise?